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Scott Pruitt Visits San Jacinto Waste Pits Post-Harvey, Promises EPA Decision By October

<http://www.houstonpress.com/news/epa-head-scott-pruitt-promises-decision-on-san-jacinto-waste-pits-by-ut-ou-game-9802625>

During his visit to Texas last week, Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt promised the EPA would arrive at a permanent solution for the San Jacinto Waste Pits before the football rivalry game between the University of Texas and Oklahoma University on October 14. It's unclear why Pruitt, an Oklahoma native, felt like it was important to make the annual Red River Rivalry — which occurs in Dallas — a deadline for the EPA finally landing on a plan for what to do with the waste pits, but then again, if Pruitt is making promises that even smell like there's a decision around the corner on what will be done with the San Jacinto Waste Pits, why look such a gift horse in the mouth?

Far From the Texas Coast, Hurricane Harvey Hits Oil Refiners

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-09-18/far-from-the-texas-coast-hurricane-harvey-hits-oil-refiners-j7qrx1p8>

Three weeks after Hurricane Harvey ravaged the massive fuel-making industry along the Texas coast, the region's recovery from storm damage is starting to disrupt plans for crucial maintenance at refineries thousands of miles away from the flood zones. Harvey knocked out almost one-quarter of U.S. refining capacity in late August, sending gasoline and diesel prices soaring. The storm hit a few weeks before most of the nation's fuel makers were set to begin seasonal shutdowns. Demand usually slows at this time of year, so it's a good time to make repairs and install new equipment at plants that typically run all day every day.

Texas education chief making his mark in Harvey crisis

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Texas-education-commissioner-leads-Harvey-12207515.php>

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath's office became more of a triage unit than a traditional education office once Hurricane Harvey hit. Which school districts did the hurricane mow over? How bad is the flooding? Are schools that were either wrecked or flooded safe enough for class? Are children safe enough to be able to go to school?

Hey, Texplainer: How is FEMA distributing money to areas hit by Harvey?

<https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/19/hey-texplainer-how-fema-distributing-money-areas-affected-harvey/>

Hey, Texplainer: How much aid has the federal government sent Texas for Hurricane Harvey recovery, and how is the Federal Emergency Management Agency distributing that money?

It's been several weeks since Harvey slammed the Texas Coast and left Houston — the nation's fourth-largest city — grappling with unprecedented flooding. State officials put the latest death toll at 82, though it may take weeks to determine the exact number of fatalities.

Study Finds FEMA Flood Maps Missed 75% Of Houston Flood Damage Claims Between 1999 And 2009

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2017/09/18/fema-flood-maps-missed-claims-harvey-houston/#2f7730b29938>

A recent study found that FEMA failed to capture 75 percent of flood damages within their flood maps between 1999 and 2009. The FEMA flood maps are the primary source for how

the government and insurance companies evaluate flood risk and insurance premiums. There are collectively trillions of dollars worth of property that rely on these maps being accurate.